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In re: **K218DA, Houston, TX**
Facility ID No. 93168
Silent since April 28, 2011

Request for Extension of Special Temporary
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Persh:

This letter concerns the request you filed on January 9, 2012, on behalf of University of Houston System ("UHS"), for extension of Special Temporary Authority to permit FM Translator Station K218DA to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that UHS stated that Station K218DA went silent on April 28, 2011, due to the loss of its transmitter site. The previous STA was granted on July 28, 2011, and expired on January 25, 2012. UHS requests extension of its STA pending grant of its construction permit application to modify and relocate its facility. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

UHS's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station K218DA to remain silent until April 28, 2012. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station K218DA will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., April 29, 2012.**¹ See Section 312(g) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).

The station's silent status does not suspend the licensee's obligation to comply with all other relevant Commission rules, including the filing, when appropriate, of applications for renewal of broadcast license. Finally, we note that it is imperative to the safety of air navigation that any prescribed painting and illumination of the station's tower shall be maintained until removed. See 47 C.F.R. §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).

Sincerely,



Lisa A. Scanlan
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¹ In addition to filing electronically with the Commission on the date operations resume, notification of resumption of broadcast operations must be emailed to Denise.Williams@FCC.gov.